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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20544

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In the Matter of

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Replacement of Part 90

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by Part 88 to Revise

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the Private Land Mobile

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Radio Services and Modify

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the Policies Governing them.

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PR Docket 92-235

FCC MAIL ROOM

To: The Commission

COMMENTS

Platte Valley Communications of Kearney, Inc

1. Power Restrictions. This proposal would if implemented in the rural environment of outstate Nebraska do serious damage to existing systems. Many systems in our area use the height of a existing TV transmitter tower to serve community repeater functions over a wide are. These users represent small businesses of various types that depend on range from a tower that may be 1000 ft. high and use a 100 watt transmitter. In the rural environment ranges of 40, 50 and 60 miles from such a central site are required for the small businesses to properly serve their clientele. A power reduction would severely hamper the operations of these businesses. These businesses are too small to justify the installation of an elaborate and expensive communications network. The alternative of forcing the small businesses to rent expensive network time from a cellular or a SMR operator will only put additional financial strain on a section of the economy that needs support not hindrances. The conservation of spectrum is already achieved in these installations as a number of business are served by one frequency pair.

2. Channel Splitting. We oppose implementation of the 5 and 6.25 kHz channel spacings on the 150 to 512 Mhz bands until equipment manufacturers have proven that they can produce equipment that is acceptable and readily available. Such equipment could be marketed and

Private Carrier radio services. Our present Private Carriers serve many customers with a single frequency pair used. If we are forced to eliminate our Private Carrier operations, an important source of income for our business will have been mandated away and our many customers will be forced to buy new equipment at a considerable cost. This new equipment in our area will provide no operational advantages over the old equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Nispel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dale" and last name "Nispel" clearly distinguishable.

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